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In re

U.S. application: Hirokatsu SHIMADA

For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD TO
CONTROL PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH
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COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT TO PERFORM
SAID CONTROL

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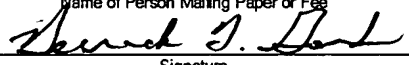
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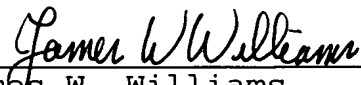
The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

1. Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-011242 (RICOH CO LTD), published January 16, 1998.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited document.

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